

# Social Forms and Entertainments



**Preparations for Easter.**  
Out where the willows are bending low,  
Out where the mists drift to and fro,  
All in the Easter morning,  
Little brown birds in quiet nest,  
Twittering low 'neath mother's breast,  
Say, "Spring is coming; let us sing our best,"  
Early on Easter morning.

Just as I was pondering in my mind,  
As my good cousin auntie would say,  
How I would amuse the children in  
planning for Easter, Polly my unfail-  
ing one, dropped in and said: "Let's  
have an old-fashioned Easter like we  
did when we were young."

"But, Polly," I wailed, "there was no  
egg trust then, eggs weren't 50 cents  
a dozen, and we had real hens and a  
real barn and we had mother's piece  
bag and everything that children  
haven't now."

After this wall from my usually  
cheerful self, Polly gave me this out-  
line, which I pass on: Ask just the  
neighborhood children, say six or  
eight, and save enough perfectly fresh  
eggs to allow two for each guest. Set  
the time on the Saturday before East-  
er, from three to five, and request  
each child, boy as well as girl, to  
bring an apron.

Hide the eggs in nests hidden care-  
fully behind the furniture, and warn  
the little hunters to be most cautious  
in handling the eggs, for they are to  
take them home for their Easter  
breakfast. It will be well to provide  
small handled baskets for each one.  
Tie a bow of yellow ribbon on those  
for the boys and white for the girls.

They will make acceptable favors.  
After the eggs are found tie on the  
aprons and go into the kitchen, where  
squares of bright figured calico may  
be sewed tightly around some of the  
eggs and dropped into a kettle of boil-  
ing water for a few minutes.

These eggs will come out beautif-  
fully marked with the colors and pattern  
of the cloth upon them. On some of  
the eggs stick little dabs of beeswax,  
then drop in boiling coconnet water,  
and the covered spots will remain  
white. These spotted eggs were a  
great favorite in the olden days. Then  
we did not have specially prepared  
dyes, and used onion skins for our  
yellow, logwood chips for purple and  
oh, yes! I forgot to say that the calico  
pieces must be sure to be the kind in  
which the colors will "run."

On the solidly colored eggs the  
names and simple designs may be  
traced with a sharp penknife blade.  
I well remember how I used to cling  
to these wonderfully decorated spec-  
imens until the odor was so strong  
that "mother" would insist upon my  
giving up the sacred treasures.

When we used to go to grand-  
father's the week before Easter the rule  
was that each child had for keeps all  
the eggs found during the time between  
Wednesday and Saturday, time being  
up at noon on Saturday. We each  
carried out our own decorative  
scheme, the most beautiful (in our  
eyes) being those ornamented with  
transfer pictures, or, to be accurate,  
decalcomania work. And a small  
child just informed me that they have  
just such pictures now, so Polly is go-

ing to get some for this party. They  
are great fun. Then we are going to  
make the cutest place cards by gluing  
a half of an egg shell on a yellow-  
shaped card and mark a happy little  
face upon it with pen and ink, the  
child's name to be written underneath.  
These egg shell cards are fine for  
concealing gifts to be presented on  
Easter morning, and are large enough  
to cover a gold piece, a ring or even  
bright new pennies for the children.  
Of course the shells have to be bro-  
ken, but they are easy to make, and no  
one minds a bit of trouble at this sea-  
son.

We are going to serve brown bread  
sandwiches with cocoa, a wee yellow  
chick perched on each cup. That is  
all, just enough to make it seem like  
a party.

**Easter Monday Party.**  
The Easter dawn is approaching,  
and with it comes requests for par-  
ties, especially affairs for children,  
who simply adore the "bunny" season.  
I must tell you how a mother of three  
is to entertain at "an all day" Easter  
Monday party, the guests being seven  
of the neighborhood children. The in-  
vitations are written on egg-shaped  
cards sealed with a violet pasteur, or  
the dearest Easter chick just coming  
out of the shell may be found among  
the seals or pasters, as the children  
call them.

The ages of the guests range from  
five to eight years. A third floor  
chamber is known as the children's  
room, and it is to be prettily deco-  
rated with flowers and branches of hid-  
ding fruit trees which have been  
placed in water for several days.  
There should be a mass of blossoms  
on them by Easter. Ten little hoops  
have been prepared thus for one of  
the games, and each one is to be  
wound with a colored tape. The boy  
who can roll his hoop twice around  
the room without letting it turn over  
will be awarded a bag of marbles, and  
the little girl who accomplishes the  
same feat will have a dear little doll  
baby dressed all in white.

A substantial luncheon will be  
served at noon, with the prettiest table  
imaginable, all glorious jonquills,  
bunnies and fluffy yellow chicks. A  
music box will play during the repast.  
After luncheon the children are to  
decorate the eggs to take home.

**Recipe for Good Friday.**  
Hot Cross Buns.—Beat to a cream  
one large cup of granulated sugar and  
one scant cup of butter. Add gradu-  
ally three eggs beaten well and one  
point of scalded milk, blood warm.  
Put in four enough to make a batter  
as stiff as you can beat it. Add one  
yeast cake dissolved in one-half cup  
of lukewarm water. Beat until it blis-  
ters well. In the morning knead rap-  
idly, but do not use over one-half cup  
of flour in the kneading. Dough must  
be very soft. Rub over top with little  
warm butter and let rise. When  
double in bulk cut into balls, like tea  
biscuits. Rub each bun with a little  
butter and make a cross on top with  
a sharp knife. Let rise in pans one  
and one-half or two hours. Bake one-  
half hour.

**MADAME MERRI.**  
"Mephisto" Collure.  
One of the smartest and also one of  
the most becoming collures is called  
"The Mephisto." A very narrow band  
of black or scarlet velvet is taken  
right round the head, and two thin  
spikes of wired velvet stand straight  
up in front with a jewel cameo, or  
flower to hide the join.

**To Clean Gloves.**  
White kid gloves that are not badly  
soiled can be cleaned at home, says  
the Christian Science Monitor, with a  
mixture of finely powdered fullers  
earth and alum. This should be well  
rubbed in with a clean piece of flannel  
and then thoroughly brushed off  
with a soft, clean brush.

## Simple Costumes for the Young Girls of School Age



The illustration on the left shows a  
simple little style for girl six to eight  
years; it is made in gray-green cash-  
mere. It is trimmed down the left  
side of front and along lower edge by  
spotted foulard cut in a two-inch  
band; the collar is also of the foulard,  
as is the waist-band; the oversleeves  
are edged with it, while the under  
ones are plain.

Materials required: 2 yards cash-  
mere 44 inches wide, 1/2 yard foulard  
40 inches wide.  
The next is for a girl of eight to  
ten years. Plain material is used for  
the dress itself and plaid silk or silk  
and wool mixture for the trimming of  
skirt, also the yoke, cuffs and the  
waist-band.

The bodice and skirt are cut sep-  
arately, and are joined to the same  
waist-band.  
Materials required: 2 1/2 yards 46  
inches wide, 1/4 yard 40 inches wide  
for trimming.

The other would make a useful  
little school dress in nut brown fine  
serge; there are two tucks carried  
over the shoulder to foot of skirt each  
side, the fronts wrapping over in  
points which show plaistings of silk at  
the throat and foot of skirt; the  
sleeves are set into the armhole, and  
like the right front, are trimmed with  
buttons set on in threes.

Materials required: 2 1/2 yards 46  
inches wide, 1/4 yard silk 20 inches  
wide, 2 dozen and three buttons.

## MONEY MADE BY OWNERS OUT OF BASEBALL



Connie Mack, Manager and Part Owner of Athletics.

Have the major league magnates  
even the handwriting on the wall?  
Are they beginning to realize that all  
is not gold that glitters and that to  
make and hold money in the baseball  
business they must have a little more  
care to the expense end of the game?  
For a number of years the owners  
of major league franchises have been

deluding themselves and the public  
into thinking that baseball is a gold  
mine in which fortunes are quickly  
and easily made. As a consequence,  
the salaries of baseball players went  
sky-high, elaborate forces maintained,  
and half-million dollar ball parks  
erected, all this on the presumption  
that baseball had only reached the

halfway stage and that only a few  
were right at hand. Ready to be  
grasped.  
Now two American league managers  
have sounded the warning, and owners  
in both leagues, though not pre-  
dicting that they have similar sen-  
timents, have expressed themselves as  
feeling the same, in private. Connie  
Mack, the astute manager and half-  
owner of the Philadelphia Athletics,  
says that instead of his club, which  
was twice in succession a world's  
champion combination, being a money-  
maker, it has not paid a dividend in  
five years.

Frank Navin, the president of the  
Detroit club, says that the crest of  
popularity in baseball has been passed  
and that it will get no greater as a  
money-making proposition.

It costs at an average \$1,000 a day  
to run a ball club. The season lasts  
154 days, which means that the bare  
running expenses of a major league  
club are \$154,000 for a season. Some  
run greater, owing to larger salaries.  
Then the ball park investment must  
be taken into consideration. Taken  
all in all a club must have an average  
of more than 3,000 attendance daily  
to hope to come out on the right side  
of the ledger under present conditions.

Where are the tremendous fortunes  
made by magnates out of baseball?  
Line up the amount of money lost in  
the sport in the last ten years and bal-  
ance it with the amount actually  
cleared, and it is likely that the scale  
would turn in favor of the losses. The  
magnates have permitted the impres-  
sion that they are all rolling in  
wealth, whereas only about six clubs  
have been good investments out of the  
16 major league franchises in the last  
ten years. The New York Giants  
have always made money since Brush  
and McGraw teamed up, but mainly  
through force of circumstances.

Both Chicago clubs have been  
money-makers, though not so great as  
many believe. This has been due to  
the same thing that made the Gi-  
ants a success. The Cubs have been  
four-time pennant winners and three  
times winners of world's champion-  
ships. The White Sox have been pen-  
nant winners and always in the fight,  
though the receipts have shown a fall-  
ing off in the last four years.

Pittsburgh, though not as large as  
New York, Chicago or Philadelphia,  
has been a uniform money-maker,  
though it has made its money because  
it has won a number of pennants and  
has been in the first three, nine out  
of ten years.

The Philadelphia Athletics have  
been big figures in the American  
league for ten years and have won  
four pennants and two world's cham-  
pionships. While occupying their old  
field on Columbia avenue they made  
plenty of money, but since they have  
occupied their handsome new quarters  
for four years, though they have  
drawn tremendously, they have not  
paid a dividend. Connie Mack admits  
this. The burden is too great to pre-  
vent much of a margin. The only other  
American league team to prove a  
winner in recent years is the Boston  
world's champions, and James Mc-  
Alear, the new owner, has profited  
handsomely thereby.

## CUBS WON'T QUIT ON EVERS

Vic Saler, declares team will give  
New Manager Loyal Support—Do  
Not Love Murphy.

Admitting that his teammates on the  
Cubs' squad are not in love with Pres-  
ident Murphy and that they did not  
like his actions toward Manager  
Chance, "Vic" Saler, first baseman of



Vic Saler.

the team for the latter part of the  
season, scouted the stories to the effect  
that the men would lie down on  
Evers and Murphy to get even.

"Of course," he said, "the boys do  
not like to see Chance leave and some  
feel that an injustice has been done,  
but as for their allegiance to the Cubs  
and the management they will all  
stand by the club."

"When the season opens this year  
you will find them playing the game  
for all that is in them. Evers is pop-  
ular with all the players, and he can  
count on them doing all in their power  
to help him in his new duties, which  
will indeed be hard, as to fill Chance's  
shoes is a real task."

## BRITISH GOLFERS TO COME

Vardon and Ray Will Be Able to At-  
tend American Open Tourney—  
Others Also Coming.

The entry of Edward Ray, British  
open golf champion, and Harry Var-  
don, five times holder of the title, is  
assured by the recently announced  
postponement of the American open  
golf championship from June until  
September 17-18 at Brookline, Mass.

United States Golf association offi-  
cials have received word from the  
English players that the dates will be  
agreeable to them. It also is said  
George Duncan, one of the leading  
British professionals, may compete.  
The change also enables Jack McDer-  
mott, the young Atlantic City golfer,  
who is the first American to hold the  
title of open champion here, to appear  
in defense of the trophy.

## Griggs on First.

Arthur Griggs is expected to be the  
regular on first base for Montreal,  
giving Manager Bransfield a chance to  
play the bench.

## SPORTING GOSSIP

Brooklyn fans can cheer up. Their  
team, Nap Rucker, is not howling for  
a raise.  
Chance says he intends playing first  
base, but may warm the bench  
afterward.  
Glenn Warner says he did not get a  
cent for steering Jim Thorpe into the  
Giants' camp.  
President Will Locke of the Phillies  
averts if the fans demand it he will  
start the games earlier.  
Fred Clark's managerial record sure  
is a marvel. Fred has never finished  
outside of the first division.  
Manager Joe Tinker is overjoyed  
over the fact of securing Beals Beck-  
er, the crack outfielder of the Giants.

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